GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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IMPORT OF BOFORS SHELLS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of shells imported for the Bofors Guns during the last three years;

(b) whether the Government propose to manufacture these shells in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the production is likely to be started?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): The ammunition for 155 mm FH 77 B Bofors guns is indigenously manufactured by the Ordnance Factories. During the last few years, certain quantities of ammunition required for these guns was contracted ex import when it could not be manufactured indigenously within a reasonable time frame to meet the operational requirements. In addition minimum quantities of state-of- art ammunition were also contracted ex import in order to get free Transfer of Technology for subsequent indigenous manufacture of these types of ammunition by Ordnance Factories. It would not be in the interest of national security to disclose the details of ammunition imported during the last three years.